

281—98.27(257,298A) Flexibility account. Beginning with the budget year beginning July 1, 2017, in accordance with Iowa Code section 298A.2, a flexibility account shall be established in the general fund of each school corporation if the school corporation has authorized a transfer of all or a portion of its unexpended and unauthorized funds from any of the following sources: the statewide voluntary preschool program, the professional development supplement, and the home school assistance program. Additionally, moneys from any other school district fund or general fund account can be transferred to the flexibility account if the program, purpose, or requirements for expenditure of such moneys have been repealed or are no longer in effect.

98.27(1) Requirements for transfer to the flexibility account. In order to transfer funds to the flexibility account, the board of directors of the school corporation must determine that the statutory requirements for the source funds have been met.

a. To transfer funds from the statewide voluntary preschool program, the school district must have provided preschool programming during the fiscal year for which funding remains unexpended and unobligated to all eligible students for whom a timely application for enrollment was submitted.

b. To transfer funds from the home school assistance program, the school district must have funded all requests for services and materials from parents and guardians of students eligible to access the program.

98.27(2) Requirements for use of funds deposited to the flexibility account. Expenditures from the flexibility account shall be approved by a resolution of the board of directors of the school corporation which meets all requirements stipulated in Iowa Code section 298A.2.

98.27(3) Appropriate uses of categorical funding. Appropriate uses of funds transferred to the flexibility account are limited to the following:

- a.* Start-up costs for an approved local program under the statewide voluntary preschool program.
- b.* Support of the approved statewide voluntary preschool program.
- c.* Professional development requirements under the professional development supplement.
- d.* Support of the home school assistance program.
- e.* Support of the at-risk program, alternative program or alternative school, and potential or returning dropout prevention program.
- f.* Support of the approved gifted and talented program.
- g.* Any other general fund purpose.

98.27(4) Inappropriate uses of categorical funding. Inappropriate uses of funds within the flexibility account include any expenditures for purposes not specified in Iowa Code section 298A.2.

98.27(5) Deference. Deference shall be given to the decisions of school districts' boards of directors in accordance with Iowa Code section 257.10.

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